REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	16 April 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Tie Me Tight!
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Star Distributors
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Tie Me Tight!* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The book has been given this classification because it promotes and supports; the use of violence and coercion to compel persons to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct, and, acts of torture, the infliction of extreme violence and extreme cruelty. The book promotes and supports these activities by containing a simple narrative which presents an extreme bondage and discipline scenario which is presented as sexually arousing. The scenario predominantly involves two women, Martine and Sylvia. Martine is bound and subjected to acts of violence, torture and cruelty by Sylvia. The activity includes clamping of the nipples and genitals and whipping on the back, buttocks and thighs, in one instance drawing blood. The activity is sexualised throughout and while bound, Martine is engaged in sexual activity by Sylvia. Martine is tied spread eagle on a bed and forced to fellate Sylvia's husband and to engage in vaginal intercourse with him. Martine pleads against activity throughout the publication and her pleas and the pain she is subjected to are focused upon in the book in a titillating manner.

Because the activities described are presented for the purpose of sexual arousal and titillation for the reader the publication is considered to promote and support criteria under s3(2) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) as they affect this publication. The book falls under s3(2) of the FVPC Act meaning that s14 of the NZBR Act is overridden in this instance. Section 14 is overridden because it is a deeming provision that cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms contained in the NZBR Act.

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